

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Nancy Ballance, on February 9, 2017 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 102 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Randy Brodehl, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Kelly McCarthy, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Dan Bartel (R)
Rep. Tom Burnett (R)
Rep. Rob Cook (R)
Rep. Mike Cuffe (R)
Rep. Janet Ellis (D)
Rep. Carl Glimm (R)
Rep. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Rep. Kenneth L. Holmlund (R)
Rep. Mike Hopkins (R)
Rep. Donald W. Jones (R)
Rep. Jim Keane (D)
Rep. Jon A. Knokey (R)
Rep. Ryan Lynch (D)
Rep. Jimmy Patelis (R)
Rep. Rae Peppers (D)
Rep. Marilyn Ryan (D)
Rep. Brad Tschida (R)
Rep. Tom Woods (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Nancy Ballance, Chair (R)
Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch
Joe Triem, Legislative Branch
Sherri Row, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 110, 2/6/2017; HB 137, 2/6/2017; HB 198, 2/6/2017

HEARING ON HB 110**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:25 Rep. Bradley Hamlett (D), HD 23, opened the hearing on HB 110, Revise laws for filing of exempt water right claims.

00:01:59 Rep. Dudik joined the meeting

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:51 Director John Tubbs, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

00:09:31 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association (MWRA), Senior Water Rights Coalition

00:11:18 Jay Boder, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA), Montana Cattlewomen (MCW), Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF), Montana Farmers Union (MFU)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:12:54 Rep. Holmlund

00:13:58 John Tubbs, DNRC

00:14:14 John Peterson, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

00:14:40 Rep. Holmlund

00:15:14 John Peterson, DNRC

00:15:30 Rep. Burnett

00:15:56 John Tubbs, DNRC

00:17:09 Rep. Keane

00:17:13 Rep. Hamlett

00:19:38 Rep. Jones

00:19:51 Rep. Hamlett

00:20:29 John Tubbs, DNRC

00:22:42 Rep. Glimm

00:23:27 John Tubbs, DNRC

00:26:04 Rep. Bartel

00:27:16 John Tubbs, DNRC

00:27:30 Chair Brodehl

00:27:40 John Tubbs, DNRC

00:27:58 Chair Brodehl

00:29:53 John Peterson, DNRC

00:29:59 Chair Brodehl

00:30:50 Jay Bodner, MSGA

00:31:00 Chair Brodehl

00:31:17 Mike Murphy, MWRA

00:31:42 Rep. Woods

00:32:15 Rep. Cuffe

00:34:37 John Tubbs, DNRC

00:35:22 Chair Brodehl

00:35:29 Rep. Hamlett

Closing by Sponsor:

00:35:41 Rep. Hamlett

00:40:33 Recessed

00:50:40 Reconvened

00:50:48 Joe Triem, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

[EXHIBIT\(aph29a01\)](#)

HEARING ON HB 137

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:51:37 Rep. Moffie Funk (D), HD 82, opened the hearing on HB 137, Generally revise securities and insurance laws pertaining to the State Auditor.

00:53:07 Rep. Cuffe

Proponents' Testimony:

00:53:40 Dan Stusek, Office of the State Auditor (OSA)

00:54:40 Michael Kakuk, Office of the State Auditor (OSA)

00:57:34 Rep. Dudik left the meeting

00:58:26 Kathy Bramer, AARP

01:00:16 Roger McGlenn, Independent Insurance Agents of Montana (IIAM)

01:00:57 John Metropoulos, American Council of Life Insurers, American Insurance Association, Farmer's Insurance Group

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:01:57 Rep. Burnett

01:02:39 Michael Kakuk, OSA

Closing by Sponsor:

01:03:09 Rep. Funk

HEARING ON HB 198

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:03:45 Rep. Kirk Wagoner (R), HD 75, opened the hearing on HB 198, Revise distribution of death certificate fee increase.

[EXHIBIT\(aph29a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:06:21 Shantil Siaperas, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

[EXHIBIT\(aph29a03\)](#)

01:08:14 Jim Brown, Montana Funeral Director's Association (MFDA)
01:10:56 Gary White, American Legion of Montana, Disabled American Veterans (DAV)
01:11:18 Roger Hagan, Montana National Guard Association (MNGA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:13:30 Todd Younkin, Department of Labor (DLI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:13:57 Rep. Holmlund
01:14:22 Rep. Tschida
01:14:43 Todd Younkin, DLI
01:14:53 Vice Chair McCarthy
01:21:02 Jim Brown, MFDA

EXHIBIT(aph29a04)

01:23:02 Rep. Woods
01:24:56 Jim Brown, MFDA
01:25:17 Rep. Holmlund
01:25:59 Vice Chair McCarthy
01:26:30 Jim Brown, MFDA
01:26:39 Rep. Lynch
01:29:20 Todd Younkin, DLI
01:29:30 Rep. Lynch
01:33:28 Jim Brown, MFDA
01:34:09 Vice Chair McCarthy
01:35:06 Jim Brown, MFDA

Closing by Sponsor:

01:35:27 Rep. Wagoner

01:36:41 Rep. Cook

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:37:04

Sherri Row, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([aph29aad.pdf](#))